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# H. R. 1218

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2001

Mr. BACA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “African American  
5       Health Initiative Act of 2001”.

6       **SEC. 2. AFRICAN AMERICAN HEALTH INITIATIVE.**

7       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
8       Human Services (in this section referred to as the “Sec-

1   retary”) may make grants to public entities or nonprofit  
2   private community organizations for the purpose of car-  
3   rying out five demonstration projects to conduct targeted  
4   health campaigns directed at high-risk African American  
5   populations. Activities carried out by such a project shall  
6   include the following:

7           (1) Planning, organizing, and conducting a  
8           symposium of all major elements of the community  
9           to identify the best ways to reach and influence Afri-  
10          can American individuals in the community.

11          (2) Designing culturally-relevant public health  
12          messages and health care communication directed at  
13          the African American community to change atti-  
14          tudes toward health care.

15          (3) Creating effective outreach programs and  
16          teaching tools that will reduce the health risks of the  
17          African American community.

18   In making such grants, the Secretary shall provide for an  
19   education program for health care providers in San  
20   Bernardino County, in the State of California, that will  
21   facilitate increased utilization of area health services by  
22   the African American community.

23          (b) GOALS OF PROJECT.—The goals of projects  
24   under subsection (a) shall be to accomplish, over a five-  
25   year period, the following:

1           (1) To reduce by 15 percent the incidence of  
2       sudden infant death syndrome (commonly known as  
3       SIDS).

4           (2) To increase the incidence of proper diag-  
5       nosis and control of hypertension to minimize stroke,  
6       renal failure, and congestive heart failure among the  
7       African American population.

8           (3) To reduce the incidence of death due to  
9       prostate cancer by increasing the number of African  
10      American men screened and referred for treatment.

11          (4) To increase by 5 percent the number of Af-  
12      rican Americans who have health insurance and have  
13      a primary care doctor.

14          (5) To increase by 3 percent the number of Af-  
15      rican Americans who pledge to be organ and tissue  
16      donors.

17      (c) PROJECT AREAS.—Subject to the availability of  
18      appropriations, projects under subsection (a) shall be car-  
19      ried out in five separate counties (or other political sub-  
20      divisions), of which three shall be in urban areas and two  
21      shall be in rural areas.

22      (d) REPORTS.—Not later than June 1, 2008, the Sec-  
23      retary shall submit to the Congress a report describing  
24      the projects carried out under subsection (a) and evalu-

- 1 ating the extent to which the projects have met the goals
- 2 under subsection (b).

